

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, amend the paragraph beginning at line 28 and continuing to page 5, line 6 as follows:

As mentioned, earlier, the present invention may be used to control interfacing to a variety of different data links which enable data items relating to a number of data elements to be transferred in corresponding data slots of the data link. However, in preferred embodiments, the controller is connectable to a codec via the data link. In a particular preferred embodiment, the codec is an audio codec, and the data link is an AC-link conforming to Intel's AC97 specification. For more information concerning the AC97 specification, the reader is referred to the web page "<http://www.intel.com/pc-supply/platform/ac97>".